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579 VOTE IN TOWN ELECTION

There was a fairly good number of voters registered on Monday to elect town officers to serve for the coming year. The ballot box registered 579 at the 8 o'clock closing hour. Last year only 343 turned out to vote.

Town clerk, Horace F. Field, 554; town treasurer, Charles F. Slate, 546; moderator, Edgar J. Livingston, 520; selectmen, three years, Robert P. Barnes, 283, Edward F. Hurley, 277; two years, Stanley Wickey, 501; assessor, three years, Winthrop E. Spencer, 503; tax collector, Roy J. Fish, 521; school committee, three years, Roy J. Fish, 400; Charles M. Repeta, 166; library trustees, three years, Lillian G. Wells, 477; Winthrop W. Sanderson, 504; cemetery commissioner, Murray M. Hammond, 530; tree warden, Joseph Bilmon, 344; Frank Anderson, 216; constables, Paul E. Chamberlain, 529; Joseph G. Morgan, 519; Niles E. Stone, 521; Murray M. Hammond, 526; planning board, five years, F. Wilton Dean, 499; three years, Harvey H. Hathaway, 499; Pioneer Valley Regional school district committee, three years, Robert P. Barnes.

Edward F. Hurley, Democrat, who ran for the office of selectman for three years, opposing Robert P. Barnes, who sought reelection, gave Mr. Barnes a close contest—losing by only six votes; result being 283-177. Barnes was the nominee of the Republican caucus.

The selectmen met immediately after the votes were tabulated and organized: Wallace E. Stange, chairman; Robert P. Barnes, clerk of the board and chairman of the board of health; Stanley Wickey, in charge of the roads.

Alliance To Meet

The afternoon Alliance of the Unitarian church will meet Thursday, March 14, at the church parlor. Mrs. Albert J. Anderson will be the guest speaker and will tell of the Glidden Tour of 1956, when she and her husband were among 230 people from all parts of the country who participated in the trip to French Lick, Indiana, in their antique cars of all makes and models. The tea hostesses are Mrs. Fred Irish, Mrs. Frank Williams and Mrs. Edward Morgan.

United Church Women Sponsor World Prayer

Today, Friday, is World Day of Prayer. The 71st observance of the services began on the Tonga Islands west of the International Date Line and is being held throughout the day in 142 countries, closing with the observance on St. Lawrence Island, Alaska. The purpose of the day is to unite all Christians in a bond of prayer and to make an offering for Christian missions at home and abroad. The United Church Women of the National Council of the Churches of Christ sponsor the event in this country.

In the United States, the order of service being used was written by an Hungarian emigre, Serena Vassady, and is a supplication for world unity. The women of the Northfield churches are joining with the Greenfield women at a service at 1:30 at the Second Congregational church of Greenfield. The children's choir of the Second Congregational church under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Raymond will sing. Mrs. Katherine Shortell is soloist and the speaker is Miss Louise R. Shotwell, associate secretary of the division of home missions of the National Council of Churches.



Mrs. Joseph W. Field of Main St., who is visiting at Florida's Friendly Family Resort—Ellenor Village, Ormond Beach, Fla. She is accompanied by Miss M. E. Pratt.

'Advantages of Regional School' Subject of Talk

The Parent Teacher association will meet on Monday evening, March 11, at the Alexander hall at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Frances Creamer and Mrs. Helen Hamilton, members of the faculty of the Massachusetts Regional high school of Holden will speak on the advantages of a regional school. These teachers have had 15 years of teaching experience in both local and regional schools and should be able to tell us many interesting things.

The Parent Teacher associations of Warwick and Bernardston are invited to the meeting which should be of particular interest to high school and junior high school parents and teachers. Refreshments will be served following the program.

'WORD OF LIFE' SERIES ENDS HERE

The ninth and final Word of Life meeting was held at the Town Hall last Thursday evening with a fine attendance of 400. Larry Doyle, evangelist from the Word of Life Fellowship, spoke on "Christ in the Past, Present and Future," and closed with his personal testimony. The Collegians, a girls' trio, and a pianist from the Providence-Barrington Bible College furnished the music. The attendance prizes were awarded to those responsible for bringing the greatest number of folks to the series of meetings.

First prize, a week at the Word of Life camp, to George Mexcur of West Swanzey, N. H., who was credited with bringing 80 people to the meetings.

Second prize, a Schofield Bible, to Carol York of Greenfield.

Third prize, Word of Life records, to Donna West of West Brattleboro.

Paul Bubar, pastor of the Northfield Baptist church, which has sponsored these meetings, thanked all who had helped to make them such an outstanding success. Special words of appreciation were given to Bernard Neipp and his helpers who served as ushers.

The young people of the Unitarian Youth group will play basketball with the young people of the Bernardston Unitarian youth group tonight at 7 o'clock at the Bernardston town hall. Young people not attending other church youth groups who wish to play on the team are invited to attend.

Fortnightly Meeting Is Scheduled Friday

The Fortnightly will meet next week Friday afternoon, March 15, at the Alexander hall at 3 o'clock. The guest speaker is to be Miss Harriet Louise Parsons. Miss Parsons was born in Greenfield and graduated from the Greenfield High school and Vassar college. She received the Rockefeller Fellowship in Research for Social Work at Simmons College and did educational work at the Massachusetts Society of Mental Hygiene. She taught secretarial work at the Simmons graduate school; from 1934 to 1944 was executive secretary of Family Service Bureau of Newton; from 1944 to 1956 was western regional consultant of Family Service of the Association of America with an office in San Francisco. In 1956 she returned as eastern regional consultant of the North Atlantic region which includes New England, New York and Eastern Canada and makes her home in New York City. Her subject will be "Family Service."

An opportunity will be given those who wish to contribute toward CARE packages to be sent to Korea in the name of Col. Ben C. Limb who spoke at the last club meeting.

Bible Quiz Planned For Pilgrim Fellowship

Thirty-one young people attended the Pilgrim Fellowship at the Congregational church Sunday evening. Lois Heselson led devotions. Girls from Greece, Japan and Columbia, South America, students at the Northfield School for Girls were guests and each told about her home country and its customs. The group enjoyed a few games.

At next week's meeting there will be a Bible quiz. The meeting closed with the benediction circle.

These young people made a profit of \$80 at their food sale on Saturday and they wish to express their appreciation to all who contributed food and also to all their customers. The sum was added to their New York trip fund.

Girl Scouts Meet

There were 17 Girl Scouts present at the meeting Monday afternoon at the Little House with Mrs. Robert Johnson and Mrs. Walbridge as leaders. Plans were made for Girl Scout week. On Sunday all Girl Scouts will meet downstairs at the Trinitarian Congregational church at 10:45 to attend the 11 o'clock service as a troop. All will wear uniforms or if they do not have one, a green skirt and white blouse.

Carol Lombard, Troop Scribe

Town Budget Is Set At \$358,736 for 1957

GLEE CLUB FESTIVAL HERE SATURDAY

Four stirring choral numbers will be sung by the combined choruses at the sixth annual preparatory schools glee club festival at the Northfield auditorium, Saturday night, March 9, at 8:00 p.m. The public will be welcomed at this free concert.

The program will open with the traditional "Prayer of Thanksgiving" and the other combined numbers will be "Ave Maria" by Arcadelt; "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee," by Bach; and "Onward Ye Peoples," a Finnish chorale. During the program each glee club will sing three or four numbers of its own selection. The combined numbers will be directed by Stephen Plummer, director of the Kimball Union academy glee club and Ralph H. Oatley, director of the Deerfield academy club. The Mount Hermon glee club will be under the direction of Albert R. Raymond, choral director of the Northfield schools and the accompanist will be Carlton W. L'Hommiedieu, organist and music department head at Mount Hermon.

Fred Waring, Orchestra Signed for Concert

Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians will be presented Oct. 5 in the Northfield auditorium as the opening feature on next fall's Northfield Schools Concert series, according to announcement made this week. Other features include the Little Orchestra Society of New York with Vronsky and Babin, duo pianists, and Faye Emerson, star of Broadway and television, as guest artists Oct. 12 and Bennett Cerf, publisher and television panelist, Nov. 16.

Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians, ever popular exponents of American music, will appear in a new show with new faces and new voices. The company of fifty including the orchestra, choir and featured soloists, will close their tour in a New York theatre.

The Little Orchestra Society, with Thomas Scherman as conductor, is one of New York's favorite small orchestral groups and its tour outside the metropolis next season will be limited to three weeks. Their guest artists are also popular stars in their fields. Vronsky and Babin have been called the reigning duo-pianists of the present day and Faye Emerson has gained nationwide distinction through her television appearances.

His contribution to the popular television panel show "What's My Line" has enhanced Bennett Cerf's reputation, but he was widely known as a humorist and raconteur before TV. As a publisher, author and newspaper columnist he is well qualified to lecture on the subject selected for his Northfield appearance—"Modern Trends in Literature and Humor."

Tickets for the series will be placed on sale about April 15 and will be available in stores to be announced at that time and by mail from the Public Relations Department of the Northfield Schools.

This afternoon (March 8) confessions will be heard at St. Patrick's church from 5 to 5:45 and mass will be celebrated at 6 o'clock followed by Stations of the Cross.

The Northfield Grange will meet Tuesday evening, March 12, at 8 o'clock for a hobo party. All members are instructed to "get out your glad rags" and prizes will be awarded for the best costumes.

Despite warnings by members of the board of selectmen and the finance committee of the possibility of a record-breaking 1957 tax rate, the approximately 200 taxpayers attending the annual town meeting Tuesday evening in town hall voted total expenditures for 1957 of \$358,736.99.

Last year's expenditures were \$320,999.45.

The 1957 figure included \$307,286.99 from local taxation and \$51,450 transfers from available funds.

It is estimated that this will mean a rise of about \$18 over the present \$75 tax rate.

Rejected were proposals for the purchase of an \$11,000 truck for the highway department, \$1,000 for a summer playground program, a \$3,500 for a new fire alarm system and \$2,400 for group insurance for town employees.

Part of the increase was attributed to the operating budget for the Pioneer Valley Regional school scheduled to open in September of \$33,679.25, and a capital budget of \$32,951.74.

No substantial changes were made in any of the routine appropriations.

A progress report of the revaluation - equalization committee which indicated a need of such revaluation was accepted, and the committee continued.

In connection with an appropriation of \$1,000 for the use of the assessors in plotting assessed parcels on the new official town map, formally accepted at the meeting, the assessors urged property owners to furnish them with descriptions of their property as recorded on their deeds.

This amount voted to be expended was kept at that figure only by repeated warnings by Charles Lewellyn of the finance committee and others, who urged economy because of heavy financial burdens already carried by the town; and by the feeling of the voters that although they would very much like several items in the warrant the town could not afford them this year. Among these were: a four wheel drive truck with automatic sand and snow plow. The voters chose a possibility of poorer service rather than the expenditure of \$11,000.

William Hawley gave a fine explanation of the plan for the summer playground program for the children, but this article was defeated in the interest of economy.

The new fire alarm system sought by the fire department was voted down as unnecessary and expensive for the returns promised.

There was much discussion of articles 41 and 42 which asked the town to accept a group insurance plan for the town employees was defeated. Although an insurance representative was present to answer questions and explain the plan, there was a lack of coordination in information offered and the recommendation of the finance committee was accepted. A committee of three will be appointed by the selectmen to make a further study and report at the next town meeting.

Much interest was expressed under article 47 but after lengthy discussion the buildings previously used for school purposes will remain under the care of their present users, namely the Northfield Historical society, Community clubs No. 3 and No. 4 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and will continue to be maintained by the town whenever such maintenance is requested.

The new map for which money was appropriated at a special town meeting was accepted and is now the legal map of this area.

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Dickinson Library Notes

Mrs. Florence Phelps, Librarian

Now that the annual Town Meeting is over and the townspeople have signified their continuing interest in their library by allowing a generous amount for its support, the librarian and her assistant would like to thank them for their interest, and for the friendly spirit of all who visit the library.

We are grateful for the many gifts which help to make our work easier. A recent addition greatly appreciated are five books from Mrs. Ruth Sheldon Root on office work and business management.

The titles are: Progressive Indexing and Filing, by Remington Rand; Secretarial Practice for Colleges, by Fisher and Pender; Complete Courses in Freshman English, by Shaw; Modern Business English, by Babenroth; College Typewriting, by Lessenberry and Wanous. A fine addition to this department.

Mrs. Minnie L. Bolton has presented to the library a copy of the "Genealogy of the Lyman Family," by Coleman. Mrs. Eva Smart of West Northfield, last week presented the library with a framed printed copy of the "Descendants of William Holton," an early settler of Hartford, Conn. Several of his descendants were connected with Northfield. Mrs. Smart wished to have this preserved for future generations where it would be available for reference.

With the beginning of January the work seemed to pick up with an increase in circulation. It was interesting to note that in January the children took out more books than the adults. Does that mean they are reading more?

For the adults 635 fiction and 263 non-fiction, went out; while the children took out 800 fiction and 285 non-fiction. Adults read 186 from the Bookmobile books and the children 114, making the children ahead by 115.

Oriental Rugs Now Being Exhibited Here

An exhibit of Oriental rugs and textiles is now on display in the art room of Talcott library on the campus of Northfield School for Girls. The public will be welcome during the regular library hours.

This collection, which contains many fine and beautiful examples of the rug maker's art, is the property of Arthur T. Gregorian of Newton, Mass. Mr. Gregorian is an alumnus of Mount Hermon school where his son is now a student. His daughter graduated from Northfield last June.

For the past year Mr. Gregorian has been holding a series of informal evening classes for faculty members and wives at Mount Hermon school. He has introduced them to the art of restoring worn rugs so that many of them have transformed old and practically worthless runners and scatter rugs into beautifully renovated pieces. Mr. Gregorian says, "Mount Hermon is probably the first cultural center anywhere to have a group of people skilled and informed in one of the most ancient and least understood of all the creative arts."

The rugs displayed in this exhibit, which was shown in the Mount Hermon library for two weeks prior to its being moved to Northfield, start with simple but beautiful examples of flat woven fabrics in narrow strips without nap but with beautiful stripes and blended colors. By sewing these strips together the very earliest weavers created tents, bed coverings, covering for their animals and many other useful articles. Also shown are examples of the crude but colorful work of the nomads and the intricate and carefully designed and executed work of the most highly skilled weavers of all the great Persian cities. Examples of little-known rugs are included such as Soulbak, Kashgi-shiraz, Turkoman and Samarkand.

Also on display and for the use of visitors is a selection of books from Mr. Gregorian's extensive library. The counterparts of many of the rugs illustrated in these books are on display at this exhibit.

Korean Ambassador Addresses Fortnightly

Everyone who attended the Fortnightly Friday afternoon at the Town Hall heard an exceptionally fine talk by Col. Ben C. Limb, ambassador from Korea to the United Nations. In answer to the question, "Who is going to win in Asia?" the subject of his talk, Mr. Limb gave plain and straight forward answers, saying—Asia is the bone of contention between the communist and free worlds in a world getting smaller by the hour and becoming a community where all will have to get along together. When he first came to the United States in 1914 the trip took 36 days and this year 36 hours. Asia is the world's largest land mass from which comes 90% of our rubber, 45% of all our manganese, necessary for steel manufacture, and other resources indispensable in our industries and in addition it holds the man power of 900,000,000 people who are waiting, on the fence, to see who will win in Asia.

The Communists and the free world are like salesmen showing their wares and the most dynamic, aggressive, determined force will win.

Mr. Limb spoke of the great friendship of Korea for the United States and of the 35,000 Americans who died defending their country which he said is the key position in the control of Asia—600 miles long and the taking off place and the arriving point for all countries beyond. He urged peace with justice, not a passive retreating peace but a just peace based on understanding that would win Asia for the right cause.

Mr. Limb opened his talk by saying that he was lucky and proud to have had the honor and privilege of attending Mt. Hermon school and that Northfield that day reminded him of his own country—ice, snow and slippery roads.

He was introduced to the audience by Miss Bessie Moore, chairman of the program committee. Mrs. Ross Spencer, president, opened the public meeting with a welcome to all and presented Eugene Gancars, instructor of the Northfield High school band who spoke briefly about the band, now

Miss Louise Roe Passes Away Sunday

Miss Louise Roe, 79, of East Northfield, died Sunday evening in Brattleboro Memorial hospital. Born in Vienna, N. J., Feb. 4, 1878, she was the daughter of Dr. Jacob Roe, III, and Susan I. (Dorothy) Roe. She was a dietitian for nearly 20 years at the Northfield Seminary before he retirement in 1946. She also served as a dietitian at the University of Michigan, WNCA in Charleston, N. C., Wellesley College and Hartford Institute.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Ernest Hodgson of Huntington County, Pa., and Mrs. Ralph Turner of Winter Park, Fla.

Services were Wednesday afternoon at the Kidder funeral home with Rev. Joseph W. Reeves of Trinitarian Congregational church officiating. Cremation followed. Ashes are to be interred at the family plot in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in the spring.

Former Resident Dies In New York Sunday

Mrs. Katherine (Buell) Wilder, 67, widow of Robert Holman Wilder and formerly resident of this town, died March 3 in New York City. Services were held yesterday in New York.

Mrs. Wilder, who is survived by one daughter, Susanna Wilder, resided in Northfield for many years prior to 1935.

Born in Cleveland, March 6, 1889, she was the daughter of Alfred E. and Susanna (Loving) Buell. Her ancestors were of New England descent and among the settlers of Ohio.

Mrs. Wilder moved to Tacoma, Wash., when two years old and at 14 returned to Ohio. Her family located in Painesville, where she was graduated from high school. In 1911 she was graduated from Smith College.

Later she went to New York as secretary to Miss Louise Connelley of Trenton, N. J., and some time after became a member of the Collier's Weekly staff under Norman Hapgood. She also served on the editorial staff of Harper's Weekly. During World War I she went to France as a war correspondent, but took a nursing course while there and then joined the American ambulance service in Paris.

Upon returning to this country she became editor of the National Editorial Service and wrote short stories and fiction for magazines. She also organized the firm of Wilder and Buell. Her last book, entitled "On the Other Side of Main Street," was published in 1930.

On Nov. 1, 1917, she was married to Capt. Robert H. Wilder of New York. While in this vicinity Mrs. Wilder studied law. On June 17, 1930, she became a candidate for the Republican nomination for state representative from the First Franklin District, being the first woman of this country ever to seek state office.

SOCIAL NOTES

Donald Skib has returned to his teaching job in Marshfield, Vt.

Dr. Howard L. Rubendall is a member of the executive committee of HELP, a system whereby college students may receive loans from Greenfield banks, First National bank and Trust company and Franklin County Trust company.

a year old, and conducted the group in five well played selections. The young people showed their interest and enthusiasm and all enjoyed the music.

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Church Notes

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Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister
Mrs. F. H. Mosse,
Director of Christian Education
Mrs. Irving J. Lawrence,
Choir Director

Mrs. Belle C. Marden, Organist
9:45 a.m. Church school. Adult Bible class meeting in the north tower room.

9:45 a.m. Pastor's class in church membership for the eighth grade and high school age meeting in the balcony class room.

11:00 a.m. First Sunday in Lent and Family Sunday.

6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People. Beverly Phelps will lead devotions. There will be a postponed Bible Quiz.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN SOUTH VERNON

10:30 a.m.—Morning Worship.
10:30 a.m.—Junior School.
11:45 a.m.—Sunday School.
6:30 p.m.—Loyal Workers.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service.

NORTHFIELD BAPTIST

Rev. PAUL BUBAR, Pastor
10 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service

ST. PATRICK'S

Rev. Henry McKeon, Pastor
Rev. Anthony Rzassa, Curate
9:45 Christian Doctrine.
10:30. Mass.

Confessions will be heard Friday evening at 5 o'clock with Mass at 6 o'clock. Mass is followed by Stations of the Cross. Confessions, also, will be heard each Saturday before the first Sunday at 4:15 to 5:15.

Northfield Baptist

The Hour of Prayer will meet at 7:30 Friday.

GOSPEL SERVICE NO. 3 COMMUNITY

William Duncan will be the guest speaker at the morning service. Homer Browning, III, will be the leader at the Young People Sunday evening at 6:15. There will be a guest speaker at the evening service and the Sing and Bring orchestra will play. Monday evening there will be a cottage prayer meeting at the home of Homer Browning, Sr. The choir will rehearse Friday at 3:00 at Dist. No. 3 and at 3:30 the Sing and Bring club will meet. At 7:30 prayer and Bible will be at the home of Homer Browning, Sr., and on Saturday at 10:05 until 10:30 Sing and Bring club time will be broadcast over WHAI.

UNITARIAN

Rev. ROBERT S. SLATER, Minister
Mrs. FRANCIS REED,

Organist and Choir Director

Worship service with sermon at 9:45 a.m. Visitors always welcome. Children may be left downstairs during the service.

Advent Christian, South Vernon

The sermon subject for the Sunday morning worship service will be "Seed Time" and for the evening service the subject will be "Follow Up." The State Line Men's Fellowship will have a supper Monday evening, March 11, at 6:30. Roy Hatch will speak on "My Memories of D. L. Moody."

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PLANS MEETING

The Northfield Historical society will meet next week Wednesday evening, March 13, at 7:30 at the faculty room of Talcott library of the Northfield School for Girls.

Mrs. Priscilla C. Carroll will review a book recently received for the museum, "The Old Dutch Burying Ground of Sleepy Hollow of Tarrytown, N. Y." This will introduce a discussion on available records of the vital statistics, births, marriages and deaths of our town. When the state had volumes of vital statistics up to 1850 prepared for many towns Northfield was omitted. It is planned to have Horace Field, town clerk, and David Quinn as guests for the discussion.

Thursday evening at 7:45 there will be a prayer meeting at the church.



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Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

On Thursday of next week, March 14, the Northfield Athletic association will meet at the town hall at 7:30. It will be the night for the annual election of officers and plans will be made for the summer baseball season—for the Little league, Pony league and the town team. All members and everyone who is interested are urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hyde have returned to their home on North Lane after several weeks spent in nessee en route.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hawkins have returned from three months in Florida and will soon open

their restaurant, The Lilly-Don.

Dr. F. Wilton Dean returned from Florida Saturday and will begin office hours Monday.

The Spauldings have returned to their antique shop in the Repeta building on Main St.

Susan McColester was made president of Brownie Troop 63. Other officers elected were Sandra Spencer, vice president; Angela Randall, secretary; Carolyn Gibson, second secretary; Beverly Black, treasurer, and Kathy Walbridge, second treasurer.

Born Feb. 28 at the Brattleboro hospital, twin daughters to the Alwin Holloways of Warwick Ave.; granddaughters of Mrs. Hattie Holloway and Mrs. Pauline Smith, both of Northfield.

A record crowd of 700 visited the Moody Museum in Chicago during Founder's week.

A letter from the Berlin City Mission asks for photostats of all correspondence between D. L.

Moody and D. Adolf Stoecker. Stoecker invited Moody to Berlin in 1881 and Moody invited him to Chicago at the time of the World's Fair to work among the German population. The City Mission says that buildings and archives with important papers were lost in the last war.

Mrs. Alice Moose has returned from a visit to her daughter and family in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The following Mt. Hermon faculty will attend the meetings of the National Association of Secondary Education board in New York Friday and Saturday, William Morrow, James Whyte, John Baldwin and Harry Snow.

Miss Arolyn Bolton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bolton, a junior at Springfield college, where she is majoring in physical education, has been made a member of the women's gymnastic club. This club will give its fourth annual demonstration March 9 at 8 p.m. in Judd gym.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Holton observed their 40th wedding anniversary Tuesday. Mrs. Holton is the former Elizabeth LaBell of Northfield.

Mrs. Maude Wood has returned to her home on Main St.

2nd Lt. Brian Stompe of the Air Force is home on leave before going to England March 14. His home is at 134 Main St.

Miss Janet M. Dean has received notification that she has been elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society at Duke University. Miss Dean expects to return to her home at 185 Main St., East Northfield March 23 for spring vacation, bringing with her a college friend, Miss Helen Morgan of Marion, Va.

Dr. and Mrs. Carlton M. Woods have purchased from the Northfield schools the property on the northeast corner of the intersection of School St. and Birnam Rd. They expect to start building their new home early this spring.

Roy Hatch spoke on the Deerfield Valley to the Unitarian Men's club.

Two Northfield ladies sang in the cantata, The Last Supper by Eric Thiman, presented in the Second Congregational church of Greenfield. They were Mrs. Virginia B. Raymond, director, and Mrs. Ruth Stebbins, soprano soloist.

Mrs. Marian Billings, public health nurse, reports that she gave booster polio shots to 102 young people.

The Civil Council had a fine letter from Lenny Stebbins in Otsu, Japan. He had left his M.P. group in Yokahama and was with a pistol-packing outfit who hoped to compete in the Far East matches. Phil Huber has taken a cottage in Jamestown, R. I., where he is not frogging it at present, but doing radio work. We find that he was on the Intrepid in the harbor of Monaco at the

time of Grace's wedding. Had a nice letter from Conrad Bayley at Miller Field and a good one from George Kenney at Fort Polk, La. Sidney Walker, Wilfred Clough and Brian Stompe home on leave. Brian heading for England in a couple of weeks.

About 30 members of the Good Neighbors attended a meeting Monday in the Fellowship room of the Advent Christian church.

Alumni of Mt. Hermon school and of the Northfield School for Girls held a Moody memorial service at Mt. Vernon church in Boston last Sunday afternoon. The speaker was Rev. Benjamin Andrews, former chaplain of the girls' school and pastor of the Northampton church, now pastor of Central Congregational church of Newton, Mass. A choir was made up of Northfield graduates and Mt. Hermon alumni were ushers. D. L. Moody as a teenager attended the Mt. Vernon church.

Dog tags with the licenses required by law for all dogs in town are now available at the office of the town clerk, Dick Field.

You can help strike back at cancer by attending Bernardston Grange's "Open House for Cancer Research" Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. A baked bean and corned beef hash supper will be served. A card party will follow at 8 o'clock. Tickets for the supper may be purchased at the door.

Dr. Howard L. Rubendall, president of the Northfield Schools and Mount Hermon's headmaster, will award the Yale-Mount Hermon prize on Monday, March 11, to John W. Mitchell of West Harwich, Mass. Mitchell, who was valedictorian of the Mount Hermon class of 1956 and is now a Yale freshman, won the \$50 prize by making the highest entrance

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examination score of the Mount Hermon group entering Yale this year.

The guest minister in Russell Sage chapel, Northfield School for Girls at 11 a.m. Sunday will be the Rev. Mr. Paul B. Meyers, minister of Christian Education of the Massachusetts Congregational Christian Conference.

The Rev. William May, department of religion, Smith College, Northampton, will be the speaker at the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday in Mt. Hermon Memorial chapel.

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Cushing Academy

Hynoski, f 8-3-19; Petchark, f 7-0-14; Vana, c 7-5-19; Novak, f 1-0-2; Bornstein, g 1-0-2. Totals, 24-8-56.

Scorer, Rogers; timer, Butler.

Mount Hermon

terKnille, f 5-0-10; Cino, g 2-3-9; Tolsdorf, c 4-5-13; McLean, f 7-0-14; Allen, g 1-0-2; Moss, f 0-0-0; Pruitt, g 4-7-15. Totals, 23-17-63.

Deerfield

Bianchi, f 2-2-6; Goldstein, f 2-6-10; Moller, g 3-2-8; Damgard, c 0-3-3; Moses, c 6-5-17; Adams, f 2-1-5; Gilson, g 2-2-6; Blake, g 0-1-1; Fauver, g 0-0-0. Totals, 17-22-56.

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Zoltan Bary (Mount Hermon) broke the school record for 150 yd. individual medley. Time, 1:35.2.

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High School News Notes

Charlotte Wood, Reporting

Chief interests among our students during the past week have been the tri-state basketball tournament and a mock election of town officials among our students.

Last Saturday evening our boys were eliminated from further competition in the basketball tournament by a strong Leland and Gray team. This means that our basketball season is officially ended and the boys are in the process of returning their uniforms.

Much interest is still being shown in the tournament, however, as many of our friends on teams in the area are still carrying on. Each evening of the tournament four of our girls have been in charge of selling programs under the direction of Mr. Leonard.

At the suggestion of the Franklin County Selectmen's association and by vote of the high school principals, a program was developed whereby elected officials of the high schools would run their home towns for a day.

Our program for such an election got under way at an assembly last Friday afternoon after several briefings in previous assemblies by Mr. Leonard. On last Friday, an hour long caucus was held for the purpose of nominating officers. Mr. Leonard acted as chairman of the caucus and Martha Parsons was elected clerk of the caucus. An enthusiastic and spirited group placed their candidates' names in nomination for 23 town offices. A contest developed for each office with some instances where several names were forwarded for the same office. Tellers were appointed by the chairman and the program continued. After a very enjoyable and instructional hour the following students were selected by the caucus as their nominees for office: Moderator, David Amsden; selectmen, Stanley Gaida, Rita Gibson

and Frances Given; town clerk, Charles Field; town treasurer, Martha Parsons; tax collector, Judie Rice; assessors, Raymond Barnes, Stephanie Horton and Jack Whitney; constables, Fred Avery, Ray Kervian and George Mello; farms constable, Delores Fuller; planning board, James Dresser, Fred Fuller, Eleanor Powers, Veronica Powers and Peggy Streeter; school committee, Dorothy Given, William Janes and Richard Repeta; tree warden, David Gibson.

Those who were not nominated at the caucus and wanted to run for an office were allowed to take out nomination papers. Several showed their desire to run for office and submitted their nomination papers with the required number of signatures. Those in this group were David Billings for town clerk, Robert Hafner, Marilyn Porter and Betty Ware for assessors, Frank Stewart for farms constable, David Britton for planning board, Susan Hammond for school committee and Richard Leach for tree warden.

Official ballots were prepared. Room 4 was used for voting during periods seven and eight on Monday and all the students of the school were allowed to vote.

In most instances the caucus nominees were elected except as follows: for assessors Raymond Barnes, Robert Hafner and Betty Ware were elected.

Seventeen of the elected officers attended the town meeting on Tuesday evening. Yesterday town clerk Charles Field conducted the ceremony of officially swearing in the town officials.

Plans now call for a town meeting next week and town government day on Wednesday, March 27, when our student officers will take over the town for the day.

John Thayer and Carol Merrifield have returned to school after recuperating from visits to the hospital. We were all pleased to have them back with us.

Rita Gibson and David Amsden went to Boston today as representatives to student government day at the state house.

Miss Lawley is taking a Monday afternoon course at the University of Massachusetts.

Inspector Walter Heffern of the department of motor vehicles spoke to assemblies of our students yesterday. Mr. Heffern emphasized that our highways would be much safer if all drivers would exercise a more mature attitude while operating their cars. Two very interesting and instructive movies were shown.

Farm Bureau Session

There will be a county-wide meeting of the Franklin County Farm Bureau Monday evening, March 11, in the Shelburne Grange hall at Shelburne Center with a family supper put on by Shelburne Farm Bureau women at 7 o'clock.

After a short business meeting there will be several short talks of interest to farmers. There will be a talk and slides on artificial insinuation. Mr. Goode will represent the Massachusetts State Farm Bureau and will talk on the sales tax as it may affect farmers. State President Francis Barnard will speak. Edward Knapp, district manager for the Farm Family Life Insurance company, will give interesting facts and figures in regard to life insurance and will answer questions.

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Town Budget Is Set At \$358,736 for 1957

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The \$1,000 voted for the repair of sidewalks will complete the repair work to be done on the walks we already have and it is hoped that next year a stretch of new sidewalk can be placed in some one of the many areas where it is needed.

There will be a new street light on Ashuelot Road on the corner adjacent to the property of Frank Bordner, a location changed when that new portion of the Ashuelot Road was built and the entrance to Ashuelot Road changed. By vote there will be no new street light on Linden Ave. because of the economy-minded voters.

The discussion of article 50 brought out an interesting situation. At the time that the state highway was rebuilt on Northfield's Main Street a sewer pipe was laid under the roadway from the town hall to an existing sewer on the west side. This connection was never made with the town hall and no one knows where it is. It would seem that some one working in that area or who was in some way responsible would be able to give information concerning it and our selectmen would gratefully receive such information.

The sum of \$3,000 was voted transferred from the Overlay Reserve for a reserve fund for the year to be voted by the finance committee in emergencies or to make up overdrawn accounts.

Only \$5,000 was voted from surplus revenue to reduce the tax rate which would have probably been raised by the voters except that the statement of the amount in the article prevented the voting of a larger amount. The surplus revenue account amounts to \$64,805.24 at this time—last year at town meeting the surplus revenue fund amounted to \$68,000.00.

The large appropriations for schools: expense, \$102,697; P. V. Regional school; operating budget, \$33,679.25, and capital budget, \$32,951.74, were voted almost without question.

The meeting opened promptly at 7 o'clock by town moderator

Edgar J. Livingston, with an invocation by Rev. Joseph Reeves of the Congregational church.

During a pause in the meeting a moment of silence was held honoring the memory of Edward M. Morgan and John T. Callaghan, former town officials who had passed away during the past year.

The meeting last evening was a good natured thoughtful one. The folks present endeavoring to vote for the best interests of the town as a whole and although an approximate 20% of our registered voters did the voting the other 80% will have to abide by their decisions.

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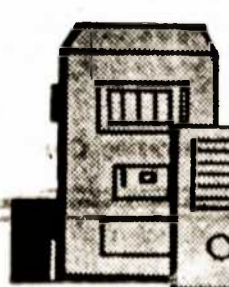
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A shower was held Saturday evening at the Unitarian church parlor for Mrs. Ruth Thayer with Miss June Moore and Miss Judy Ploof of Hardwick as hostesses. There were 19 guests from Northfield, Athol and Hardwick. Mrs. Thayer received beautiful gifts, many from friends unable to attend. The decorations were pink and blue and the gifts were in a bassinette guarded by a stork. Mrs. Ada Miner, Mrs. Mary Parker and Mrs. Velma Miller assisted with the refreshments, the table being decorated with a centerpiece cake in the shape of booties made by Miss Ploof.

Mrs. Thayer's husband, Pfc. Donald Thayer, is now stationed at the army base at Camp Polk, La. Mrs. Thayer is staying with her mother, Mrs. Flora Moore.

**Notes from
Center School**

Seven new pupils have entered Center school, making a total enrollment of 292 in the first through the sixth grade. These are David Chula, grade one; Robert Pinney, two; Kathleen Chula and Frederick Pinney, three; Margaret Chula, four; Louise Dehors, five, and Janet Dehors, six. The Chula family is living at the Cembalisky home on Bernardston Rd. and the Pinneys and Dehors live on Old Wendell Road.

Week ending March 8: Monitors in Mrs. Sheldon's grades 3 and 4: morning exercises, Kathleen Walbridge; story teller, Martin Given; bulletin board, Joseph Hensel; window shades, John Mroczek; book shelves, Richard Griffin; boys' closet, David Rogers; girls' closet, Sally Farrar; blackboards, Angela Randall.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy during February: Grade 1 (Mrs. Bolton): Joan Bartus, Cheryl Dunnell, Kathleen Huber, Nancy Stratton, Kathryn Wood, James Abbey, William Barnes, Edward Boliski, Kit Clark, Timothy Goodwin, William Huntoon, Donald Knapp, John Putala, Derrell Stratford, Gregory Williams.

Mrs. Haack's grade 2: Fred Arsenault, Joel Fowler, Peter Holloway, Elbert McCassie, Brian Rice, Edmund Ross, Susan Barber, Rachel Black, Janice Clough, Mary Hatheway, Betty Lou Jacobs, Winita Johnson, Diane Livernoise, Judith Powers, Linda Randall.

Mrs. Cook's grades 2 and 3: Sharon Barnard, Bonnie Carey, Linda Lombard, Marion Newell, Marilyn Clough, Janice Farrar, Margaret Gonyer, Kathryn Goodwin, Linda Holloway, Deborah Mayberry, Mark Clark, Arthur Knapp, Robert Walker, Robert Waterman, Joel Wheeler, Kelvin Young, Sanford Edson, Daniel Browning, Thomas Forrest, Thomas Henderson, James Schryba.

Mrs. Sheldon's grades 3 and 4: Katherine Knapp, Susan McCollister, Judith Mercer, Angela Randall, Kathleen Walbridge, Ralph Hall, Barry Walker, Thadd Bistrek, Ralph Browning, Dennis Holloway, John Mroczek, Sally Farrar.

Mrs. Kozlowski's grade 4: Victoria Gonyer, Mary Hawley, Joy Holloway, Linda Huber, Linda Merrifield, Linda Scott, Mary Tenney, Linda Wood, Ethel Walker, Diane Walker, Elizabeth Tower, Roger Abbey, Donald Browning, Keith Hall, John Hensel, Delbert Ingram, William Mercer, Norman Phelps, Robert Schouler, Albert Stone, Ronald Wickey.

Gary Clark, Howard Newell. Mrs. Parker's grade 5: Jane Abbott, Virginia Beaman, Judith Brice, Marcia Eastman, Marcia Stacy, Virginia Stacy, Judith Stafford, David Dale, James Field, David LaBelle, Howard Maynard, Winston Parker, Ronald Tie, Dean Vinten, Raymond Waterman, Jr. Mr. Cadwell's grade 6: Paul Abbey, Richard Browning, Harry Gonyer, Fred Holton, William Judd, Jonathan Mayberry, David Miller, Jerry Scott, Douglas Walker, Thomas Walker, Alfred Young. Brenda Billings, Clemma Black, Michaelyn Caron, Gretchen Hammond, Carol Lombard, Mary MacIver, Margaret Mroczek, Judith Parsons, Joyce Smith.

Band To Play

The Greenfield High school band will present a musical fantasy, "I Can Dream, Can't I?"—a sentimental journey in four acts. All senior high band members will make up the chorus. Variety acts will be presented by members of the Greenfield high school. Featured will be the Greenfield high school dance band. This show will be presented Friday and Saturday nights, March 8 and 9, at 8 o'clock in the Greenfield high school auditorium. Tickets may be purchased for 65¢ from band members or at the door.

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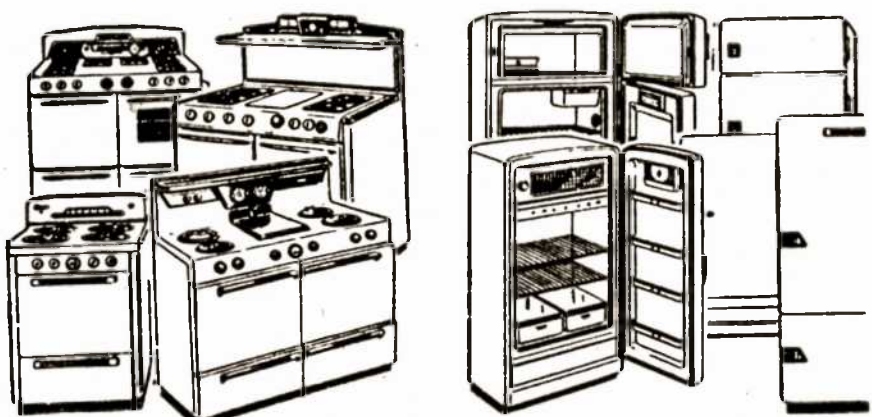
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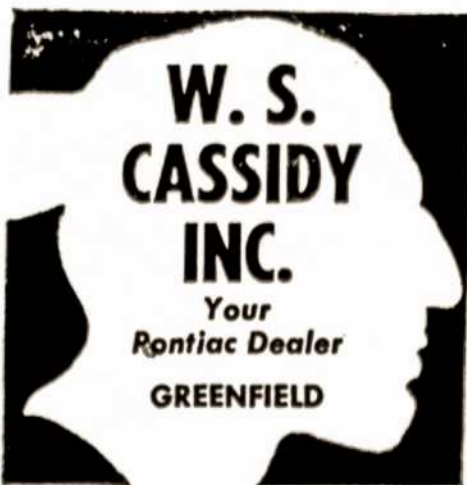
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Mrs. Laurence Hammond, Correspondent Telephone 918

Eighty friends, relatives and former residents met at Community hall No. 4 Friday evening, Feb. 23, to honor Mrs. Viola Billings with a prenuptial Jack and Jill shower. A canoe overflowing with gifts was decorated with silver, green and pink streamers and flowers. The boat sailed on blue water, bearing pond lilies and good luck wishes. Pink and green streamers formed a roof under which Mrs. Billings, assisted by Fred Avery, opened the gifts from those present and those unable to attend. Refreshments were served buffet style. Mrs. Albert Rice made and decorated a beautiful wedding cake which was cut by Mrs. Billings. Guests were present from Millers Falls, Lake Pleasant, Warwick, Auburn, Springfield, Montague City, Greenfield, Northfield, East Northfield and Baldwinsville. The committee who planned the affair was Mrs. Dorothy Rice, Mrs. Virginia Leach, Mrs. Edna Bourbeau, Mrs. Grace Venten, Mrs. Eva Kervian, Mrs. Gloria Billings and Mrs. Bertha Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Lyman of Easthampton were recent guests

of Edward B. Lord and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lord and family.

James Browning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Browning, Jr., is confined to his home with rheumatic fever and is under the care of Dr. Emil Elgossin.

Mrs. Walter Clark has planned a field trip for the next meeting of the Cub Scouts Den 2 on Tuesday, March 12, at 3:30. The Cubs are working on musical instruments and are organizing a band. Den 7 will meet with Mrs. Bernard Hall with Mrs. James Hanrahan assisting. They are also working on musical instruments. Robert Hanrahan has been named Den chief for Den 7.

Jack Young returned Tuesday from Portsmouth, R. I., where he was called by the death of his father.

Mrs. Francis Sobieski has returned from the Franklin County hospital.

Ronald Zabko received an honorable discharge from Co. L of the National Guard and has re-enlisted for three more years.

Russell Allen Johnson, infant son of Mrs. Ruth Johnson, is home from the Franklin County hospital.

Sgt. Wilfred Clough, after spending a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Clough, reported to the Brooklyn army base Monday, March 4, and sailed next day for Germany, where he will be stationed for 15 months.

Mrs. Viola Billings was guest of honor at a shower given by her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Stratford, at the stockade in Deerfield Tuesday evening. A buffet supper was served from a table decorated in yellow and white with a beautiful bouquet as the centerpiece. Mrs. Billings received many beautiful gifts. Guests were from North Leverett and Amherst.

Miss Martha Parsons had the misfortune to catch the forefinger of her right hand in a car door Monday evening and lose the nail.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Smith and family have moved from Oxford, Vt., into the house in Pine Meadow that was recently damaged by fire and is now renovated.

Mrs. Olive Leach met with a painful injury Wednesday morning when she cut her leg on a broken bottle. She was taken to the Franklin County hospital where it was required to take seven stitches. She was able to return to her home.

The Ladies' Benevolent society met at the home of Mrs. Michael Sytnik Wednesday evening with Mrs. Gloria Billings, president, presiding at the business meeting. Plans for the annual meeting and the banquet were discussed. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Michael Sytnik and Mrs. Chester Sytnik.

Guild Will Meet

St. Patrick's Guild will meet Wednesday, March 13th, in St. Patrick's church hall.

Rev. Henry McKeon, spiritual advisor, will conduct the program. The program chairman announced that it will be an Irish night. There will be a story of St. Patrick, patron saint of the church, and a short history of the church.

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Mrs. Mary Newman, assistant to the chairman of the Republican state committee, will be the speaker.

This is an open meeting and everyone is cordially invited to attend. Contact Mrs. Sophie Hodgson, Prescott 3-9809, Greenfield, for reservations.

The 1957 dues of \$1 are now payable and Mrs. Raymond Parenteau is membership chairman

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